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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, LA, TH

SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON AMERICAN MISSION ARMY

REFS: A) BANGKOK 10385 B) 10708

1. ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED IN 1943 IN CALIFORNIA WITH BASIC MISSION OF PROSLETYZING FOR CHRISTIANITY, AMERICAN MISSION ARMY WAS INACTIVE FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS. VOLAG NOW DESCRIBES ITSELF AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTARY UNPAID WORKERS WITH ITS MOST RECENT AND IMMEDIATE MISSION BEING TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS (PARTICULARLY VIETNAMESE) INTO THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE WHILE ALLOWING THEM TO RETAIN THEIR OWN CULTURAL IDENTITY.

2. AMERICAN MISSION ARMY IS HEADQUARTERED IN FORT WORTH TEXAS WITH OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES. DEPT. HAS NO INFO ON ROLE OF ERWIN PARDUE IN ORGANIZATION. CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS REV' CECIL JAMES, RETIRED GOVERNMENT SOCIOLOGIST. ONLY VISABLE TIE OF VOLAG TO INDOCHINA  
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AND/OR REFUGEES IS BOARD MEMBER DR. DUAC, FORMER DIRECTOR

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAIGON AND NOW CHIEF OF MEDICAL SERVICES,  
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, SACRAMENTO. OTHER LEADING MEM-  
BERS ARE BUSINESSMEN, CLERGY, PROFESSORS, ETC. WITH NO  
APPARENT EXPERIENCE WITH REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT.

3. AMERICAN MISSION ARMY REPRESENTATIVES MOORE AND  
CHINITZ VISITED DEPT. MAY 30 TO 1) DEPOSIT CREDENTIALS  
FOR REGISTRATION THROUGH AID'S OFFICE OF PRIVATE AND  
VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AND 2) SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO IATF FOR  
RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ON LARGE TRACT OF  
LAND IN OREGON. DEPT. HAD NOT HEARD OF THIS VOLAG PRIOR  
TO VISIT. IATF HAS TURNED DOWN RESETTLEMENT OFFER.  
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER REVIEW, PER STANDARD  
PROCEDURES. KISSINGER

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